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TOOL INCORPORATING SAME



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend claim 24 as follows:

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24. (Amended) A bit holder comprising:  
a body having a distal end surface,  
said body having a bore formed in said end surface,  
a magnet received in said bore and having an outer  
surface,  
and a discrete flat retaining member friction fitted in  
said bore outboard of said magnet to retain said magnet in  
said bore,  
said retaining member having a continuous outer periphery  
such that any two points on the periphery can be joined by a  
straight line segment which does not extend outside the  
periphery,

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